

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Selectmen present were Rosanne Gilbert and Michael Woodworth. Wes Moore was absent from the meeting. Others present were Chief Art Reed, Lt. Anne Gould and Conservation Commission members Alison Watts, Steve Shope, and Lauren Hill.

Chief Reed informed the Board of the letter that was sent out to Bald Hill Road and Sanborn Drive residents regarding closing of the road due to a bicycle race.

The Police Department did their annual community service trash pickup on Saturday May 10. Several off duty officers and volunteers donated their time. They collected 46 bags of trash in 2 1/2 hours on Oaklands Rd., Route 85, Route 87 and a portion of Bald Hill Rd. The Road Agent will pick up the bags of trash along the roadsides.

The DWI & Speed Grants started last week. There have already been a couple of arrests. Only state highways are patrolled.

The Hazardous Mitigation Plan Committee met on Monday May 12, 2008 with Rockingham Planning. Information will now be compiled and sent out to be reviewed by members and then presented to the Board of Selectmen, followed by a public hearing for acceptance of the plan.

The Conservation Commission appointment form for Lindsay Carroll was signed. His term will expire in 2011.

The Piscassic Greenway Management Plan was also reviewed and signed.

The Hayden Discretionary Easement and review of the property appraisal was tabled until next week.

The minutes of May 6, 2008 were reviewed. A couple of changes were made. A motion was made by Rosanne and seconded by Michael to approve the minutes as amended. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Last week Chief Reed advised the board that a resident requested a 'Slow Children at Play' sign be put up on Halls Mill Road. Rosanne asked Ann to confirm that Brian Knipstein had put up the signs.

The ADS accounting system and audit was discussed and tabled until the next meeting when the full Board is present.

Conservation Commission Chair, Alison Watts addressed the Board regarding monitoring the Silverstein Conservation Easement. Member Lauren Hill talked with Fran Lane and he no longer needs to be involved in this matter. A Selectman or Conservation Commission member can contact the Silberstein's to move forward. The Commission is considering hiring Certified Wildlife Biologist Ellen Snyder and Surveyor Peter Landry to do the monitoring and inspection. Steve Shope will call and set up a meeting date in the next few weeks. They are looking at June 17 or 24. Silberstein's Attorney Jack McGee will also be contacted about the meeting. Alison asked if the Selectmen felt they needed to continue to be involved with this or if the Conservation Commission can just move ahead on their own. Rosanne and Michael agreed that the Selectmen do not need to be involved. The Conservation Commission will let the Selectmen know the date of the meeting.

Rosanne motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McKinnon